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O W E so much Satisfaction and Improvement to the Letters you have done me the Favour to send me, that I should be very disingenuous did I not do my Endeavours to give you my Thoughts on what you require. The World is often amus'd at inconsiderable, though natural Events, and I cannot be surpriz'd that at this Time, when our Afflictions at Home are so eminent, and the threatening Fate of our Neighbours so dreadful, to find the Populace so inclin'd to a Pannick; the Venom when it is once
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kindled runs like Wild-fire, and Old-sayings are very often in great Esteem with the lower Rank of People, and those inclin'd to Superstition. These old Adages happen sometimes to be signalis'd in their Events by frequent Observation, and thence they probably become Proverbs, and gain their Reverence. Yet this cannot probably be recorded upon that Account, since from the Year of our Lord 843, which was in the Reign of *Ethelwolf*, to the Year 1744, inclusive, when it shall arrive, consisting of the Space of 902 Years, there will happen but 22 *Easter-Sundays* on the 25th of *March*. I shall give you a particular Account of the Nineteen that are past, in what King's Reign, and what Remarkable arriv'd in each of those Years, according to our best Historians, and from thence you will be able to settle your Opinion, whether there be any thing in that Old-saying you enquire after.

*When my Lord falls in my Lady's Lap,
England beware of a great Mishap.*

You are so much a Proficient, I am satisfi'd in Chronology, to be assur'd that
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this can never happen, but in those Years when the Dominical Letter is G. which has been no oftner than 133 Years in this Course of 902 Years.

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According to the Decree of the Council of *Nice*, convened in the Year of our Lord 325, the Celebration of *Easter Sunday* was fix'd, and has been since strictly observ'd by our Church of *England*, and according to this *Julian* Account, or otherwise call'd Old Stile, we make our Computation of *Easter Day*, the Rule of all Reform'd Churches, for according to the Alteration afterwards made by Pope *Gregory*, Anno 1582, *Easter-day* would fall otherwise, as may be seen in New-Stile, follow'd by all the *Roman Catholicks*.

From the Time therefore beforemention'd, *Viz. An. Dom. 843*, to *An. Dom. 1744* inclusive, Twenty two *Easter-Sundays* only have fallen by this Calculation on the 25th of *March*, that is, *Lady-day*; and of the Nineteen that are already past I shall speak in Order.

The first was in the Year 843, in the *A. Dom.* Reign of *Ethelmalf*. Our Histories are 834.
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not particular in the yearly Account they give of these early Days, there was frequent Wars and Battles, Oppressions and Disturbances, but to what Year of this Reign to assign 'em we were altogether in the Dark, and therefore can affirm nothing with Assurance.

A. D. 927 The next *Easter-day* that happened on the 25th of *March*, was in the Year 927, in the Time of King *Athelstone*. The *Danes* by their frequent Invasions were at this Time very troublesome; for *Ingauld* a *Danish* King, this Year took *York*, and grew so dreadful, that *Athelstone*, to make Peace, gave him his Daughter *Edgith* in Marriage. *Ingauld* dy'd within the Year, and his Sons *Anlaf* and *Guthfert* were drove out of the Kingdom by *Athelstone* or *Athelstan*.

1011 The next *Easter-day* that happened on the 25th of *March*, was in the Reign of *Ethelred*, Son to *Edgar*, in the Year of the Lord 1011. The *Danes* were now very troublesome and outrageous, for in this Year the *Danes* kill'd *Ethelstone*, the King's Son in Law; slew many of the Nobility; plunder'd the Fens, burnt *Thetford* and *Cambridge*, destroy'd several Places

Places in *Essex*, *Oxfordshire*, &c. Which, when they had executed they return'd to their Sips, but only to come back with the greater fury for they repeated the most inhumane Cruelties this Year 1011. on both sides of the *Thames*, says the History as far as *Huntingdon*, whilst others were ravaging in *Wiltshire* and *Southampton*, and they were so vexatious that the King Sollicits for Peace, the Terms are agreed on, Contribution and Tribute paid, but the *Danes* break their Faith, and in September lay Siege to *Canterbury*, they took it and destroy'd it by Fire, committing all sorts of Massacres as Sports, some they threw over the Wall, others they cast into the Fire, some they hung up by their Privy Members, and Infants were drag'd from their Mothers Breasts, and toss'd on Spears, whilst Matrons and Virgins were Ravish'd. They seiz'd the Arch-bishop *Alfrage*, and imprison'd him in a noisome Ship, whilst the multitude were Tith'd, and every tenth Person was only spar'd.

There happen'd not this in the Reign of *Edmond*, who divided the Kingdom with *Canute*, and the next *Easter-day*, that

1022 fell on the 25th of *March*, was in the Year of our Lord 1022. when *Canute* Govern'd; there happen'd little this Year, except some of the English who began to be more considerable, were banish'd by *Canute*, as *Turkill*, and *Erick* the *Northumberland* Lord.

This happen'd not in the Reigns of *Harold*, *Hardicanute*, *Edward* the Confessor, *Harold* II. or during the Reign of *William*, call'd the Conqueror.

1095 The first *Easter-day* which next happen'd on the 25th of *March*, was in the 8th Year of *William Rufus* in the Year of our Lord 1095. This Year there was a conspiracy contriv'd by *Robert Mowbray* Earl of *Northumberland*, *William D'On* and others to destroy the King, and raise *Stephen* Earl of *Albermarle* his Aunts Son to the Crown. The Plot was discover'd. The Earl committed Prisoner to the Castle of *Windsor*. *William D'On* at a Council at *Salisbury*, prov'd guilty by Combat, then the usual way of Tryal, was condemn'd to have his Eyes put out, and his privy Members sever'd from his Body which

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which was Executed, and his Sewer a Man of goodly Personage was hang'd.

The next *Easter-day*, on the 25th of 1106 *March*, was in the Year of our Lord 1106 the 7th. Year of the Reign of King *Henry I.* *Robert* was put out at the latter end of 1105. and 1106. *Henry* possess *Normandy*, gathers a great Treasure, sends the *Flemings* who had help'd to subdue the Kingdom, and were rewarded for it by a settlement in *Cumberland*, into *Wales*, to awe and keep 'em in Obedience, and takes the chief Mens Sons in the County for Hostages.

This happen'd again in the Year of 1117 the Reign of *Henry I.* in the Year 1117 *William* the only Son of *Henry* returning to *England*, accompany'd by *Richard* his base Brother, *Mary* Countess of *Perch* his natural Sister, *Richard* Earl of *Chester* and his Wife, and many others of Quality, with their attendants, to the Number of 140 besides 50 Mariners, were all drown'd, Except a Butcher. *Normandy* waver'd, *William* and his Confederates went over to the King of *France*, *Foulk* Earl of *Anjou*, quarrel'd with him for his Daughters
C 2 Dower.

Dower. *Robert de Maltent* his chief Counsellor, and a Man of great trust, fell from him, and conspiring with *Hugh* Earl of *Monford*, Invaded and seiz'd upon his Dutchy.

There was no *Easter-day* on the 25th of *March*, during the Reigns of *Stephen* and *Henry III.*

1190 The next that succeeded was in the Year 1190, in the Reign of *Richard I.* he had this Year drain'd his Subjects of great Sums, and in his way to the holy War, was now with his Fleet in *Sicily*, on Midsummer Eve, the Sun was was Eclips'd for three Hours, and in the 5, 6, and 7th Year of his Reign, there was a great Famine, follow'd by a Pestilence.

The next *Easter Sunday* which fell on *Lady-day*, was in the Year of our Lord 1231. in the 3d Year of King *John*, what was remarkable this Year was that he divorces himself from his Queen, Daughter to the Earl of *Gloucester*, and Marries *Isabel*, Daughter and Heiress to the Earl of *Angoulism*. Imposes three Shillings upon every plough Land, to discharge the

the Dowry of 30000 Marks promis'd with his Niece Blanch. He Causes the Sheriff of *York*, to seize upon all the Temporalities of *Jeffery* Archbishop of *York*, for opposing the Collection. Exacts great Fines upon the Offenders, and in his progress to the North, summons the Earls and Barons of *England*, to go over with him to *Normandy*, they refuse, and he seizes their Castles and Estates, &c.

Another *Easter day* happen'd on the 25th. of *March* in the Year 1212. which was the 14th Year of his Reign. 'Twas now the time when the Pope absolves all his Subjects from their Oath of Obedience, and forbids 'em to assist or serve him on pain of Excommunication, this occasion'd the *Welch*, to Revolt, with many others of his People. *London Bridge*, and *St. Mary-overey's Church* burnt on *July* the 10th this Year, and a great part of the City; three thousand Persons were suppos'd to be drown'd, or burnt, the Fire taking both Ends of the Bridge at once.

This happen'd not in the Reign of *Henry* the 3d. nor until the 13th Year of *Edward*

- 1285 *Edward* the first, in the Year of our Lord
1285. I find not any thing remarkable
1296 this Year. In 1296 the 24th of his Reign,
Easter-day was on *March* the 25th, then
Wales was united after great Contests;
Edmond Earl of *Lancaster*, with *Lincoln*,
and *Richmond*, attended with 28 Banners,
and a Navy of 306 Sail were sent to *France*,
the King marches with an Army against
the *Scots*, and conquers *Balliol*.

No *Easter-day* fell on the 25th of
March either in the Reign of *Edward* the
2d or *Edward* III.

- 1380 The first that succeeded was in the Year
1380. which was in the third Year of
Richard the second, when the English
were worsted in the Haven of *Britain*.
Thomas Beanchamp, was made sole Gover-
nour of the Kings Person. A tenth of the
Clergy, and a fifteenth of the Laity was
granted to the King, provided he would
not Summon another Parliament till the
Michaelmas twelve Month, which he con-
sented to, but broke his Promise. Conside-
rable Aids were now sent into *France*.

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During the Reigns of *Henry* the 4th and *Henry* the 5th, the next succeeding Kings, there was no *Easter-day* Celebrated on the 25th of *March*, the first that hap- 1459
pen'd was in the 38th Year of *Henry* the Sixth, in the Year of our Lord 1459. this Year according to the History, the Earl of *Salisbury* marches with an Army against the Lord *Audley*, who was for the King. The Lord *Audley* was routed and slain, with 2400 common Soldiers. *Salisbury* two Sons, were taken Prisoners which a little damp'd his Victory, tho' they were releas'd. The Duke of *York* endeavours for the Crown, joyns *Salisbury* with *Warwick*, and many experienced Officers. Hereupon the King raises a greater Army and offers conditional Pardons to the Rebels; so many of 'em accept it, and forsake their Party, that the Duke of *York* with his younger Son *Edmond*, thought fit to fly into *Wales*. The Earl of *March*, Eldest Son, and Heir apparent, accompany'd with *Salisbury*, and *Warwick*, &c. fled into *Devonshire*. Many of the Rebels were taken and Executed. *Ludlow* a Town that had sided with *York*, was pillaged and plunder'd. The Duke
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of York, with his Sons, &c. Proclaim'd Traytors. And November the 20th, a Parliament was summon'd by King Henry at Coventry. Where Richard Duke of York his Eldest Son, Edward Earl of March, Richard Earl of Warwick, Edmund Earl of Rutland, Richard Earl of Salisbury, Sir Thomas Harrington, Sir John Wenlock, Sir Thomas and John Nevil, the Earl of Salisbury's Sons had their Goods confiscated, Lands seiz'd, and Heirs disinherited to the Ninth Generation.

It happen'd in the Reign of Henry VII. which was 23 Years 8 Months and 19 Days.

- 1543 The first Easter-day next succeeding that, fell on the 25th of March, was in the 34th Year of Henry VIII. and of Christ 1543. in the Year 1541. A Marriage was propos'd betwixt Prince Edward, and the Queen of Scots, but this Year it was broke off: the French Faction in Scotland prevailing, and we were engag'd in a War, against Francis the French King. A Book was by his Majesty's Order this Year Publish'd, intituled a necessary Doctrine and Erudition for any Christian Man. Now the

the Bible was forbid to be read in English in any Church. No Women, Artificers, Prentices, Journey-men, Serving-men, Yeomen, Husband-men or Labourers, were permitted to Read the New Testament in English, the Punishment for the first offence was publick Recantation, for the Second they were oblig'd to abjure and bear a Faggot, and being convicted the third time, they were adjudg'd Hereticks, to be burnt, and forfeit all their Goods and Chattels. At this time, the King Marries the Lady *Katherine Par*, the Lord *Latimer's* Widow; Sir *John Wallop*, with Forces was sent to *Calais*, against the *French*; Sir *George Carew*, Sir *Thomas Palmer* and several English, were taken Prisoners in an Embuscade, laid by *Francis the French King*. Divers were this Year burnt for Religion at *Windsor*. The Bishop of *Winchester* is in disgrace, and his secretary *German Gardiner*, not long after was Executed, for denying the Kings Supremacy.

No *Easter-day* fell on the 25th of *March*, during the six Years and five Months of the Reign of King *Edward VI*.

The first that happen'd after this, was 1554 in the Year 1554, which was in the first Year of Queen *Mary*. And now

there was a Treaty of Marriage betwixt the Queen, and *Philip* King of *Spain*, the People grew very uneasy at the Match. They bewail'd the Misfortune of the Lady *Jane Gray*, Precipitated from the Throne, and condemned to a shameful and unmerited Death: Upon which broke out a Rebellion Headed by Sir *Thomas Wyatt* of *Kent*, the Duke of *Suffolk* and Sir *Peter Carew* of *Devonshire*, Sir *John Cheek*, who had been Preceptor to King *Edward*, was seiz'd and taken from his Horse betwixt *Brussels* and *Antwerp*, and brought a Prisoner to the *Tower of London*; some say that *Carew* and *Cheek*, were both ty'd to a Stake and burnt. The Duke of *Norfolk*, is sent to suppress the *Kentish* Rebellion, his Forces abandon him, and he is constrain'd to fly for his safety, the Duke of *Suffolk* in Vain, endeavours to make an Insurrection, he is taken Prisoner, and carry'd to the *Tower*. The Earl of *Pembrook*, is sent against the Rebels; *Wyat* surrenders himself. The Lord *Guilford*, Husband to the Lady *Jane*, is beheaded, and this unfortunate Lady soon after Executed. Twenty Gibbets were Erected in several Parts of the City, and fifty of *Wyats* accomplices hang'd. *Henry Gray* Duke of *Suffolk* was beheaded. *Wyat* soon after was Executed.

Executed. and Sir *Thomas Gray*, Brother to the Duke of *Suffolk*, had the same Fate. *Cranmer* late Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Ridley* late Bishop of *London*, and *Hugh Latimer* formerly Bishop of *Worcester*, were condemn'd to be burnt, the Match with *Philip* was concluded, and an Embassy sent to *Rome*, where, in a Letter, the Queen promis'd Obedience to the See of *Rome*, and thus ended this remarkable Year.

Queen *Elizabeth* had a happy and successful Reign of above forty four Years continuance, King *James I.* Reign'd twenty two Years, and during this space of time, *Easter-day* never happen'd on the 25th of *March*.

The first that follow'd was in the Year 1627
1627. in the third Year of the Reign of King *Charles I.* and here we find the King engag'd in a War with *France*. The Duke of *Buckingham*, made High Admiral, and Commander General, goes to relieve *Rochel*. He Lands at the Isle of *Rhee*, upon which there followed a sharp Action. Sir *William Heydon*, and some Hundreds of English were slain. The Duke's Expedition was censur'd, he returns ingloriously. The English lost at the taking of *St. Martins*, about 50 Officers and near
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2000 common Soldiers: Thirty five Prisoners of Note, and 44 Colours were taken by the *French*, and hung up as Trophies, in the Church of *Nostre Dame* at *Paris*. Now were universal Discontents and Complaints of Grievances. Arch-Bishop *Abbot* was confin'd : The City complain'd of Trade, and the Mariners in Multitudes came clamouring to *Whitehall*. Many of the Gentry were imprison'd upon the account of the Loan. A Parliament summon'd, the Commons fell upon the Grievances, Voted no supply without Redress of Grievances and took Resolutions about Liberty and Property.

1638

In the Year 1638. the 14th Year of the Reign of *Charles I.* was the next *Easter-day*, that fell on the 25th of *March*, this Year there was great distractions in *Scotland*, the Council at *Sterlin*, was oppress'd with Crowds of People, and daily Insults. They now proceed to Frame and Subscribe the solemn League and Covenant, under the Title of the Confession of Faith of the *Kirk* of *Scotland*. The Marquis of *Hamilton*, is sent high Commissioner into *Scotland*, to allay their Discontents ; he offers Terms of Submission to the Covenanters, which they refuse. A General Assembly meets, the Marquis took his Place as the King's Commissioner, where

he tender'd his Majesties gracious Concessions, but their demeanour being insolent, the high Commissioner dissolves the Assembly, but they would not be dissolv'd; there was no hopes of reducing the Scots, by Force of Arms, and from these Matters sprung the Scotch Rebellion. Queen Mother comes over into England, and the Act of Benevolence from the Clergy rais'd a considerable Sum.

The next *Easter-day*, that fell on the 25th of *March*, was in the Year 1649. in the 24th Year of the Reign of *Charles I.* and the Year began with the blackest Scene of horror, that ever was devis'd or Executed by wicked Man; the most Religious and best of Kings was try'd, condemn'd and Executed like a Criminal, by his own Subjects; what could be the sequel of this but Wickedness and Profaness. An Ordinance for the more effectually settling Presbytery was read, with new Articles of Faith order'd to be Printed. An Act pass'd to exclude King *Charles II.* the House of Lords was Voted useles: Monarchy was quite abolish'd. A Common Weal set up for the Executive Power, every Member whereof was oblig'd to subscribe the approving of the Kings Execution. Another high Court was ap-

appointed for the trying Delinquents. The Marquis of *Hamilton*, the Earls of *Cambridge* and *Holland*, the Lords *Capel* and *Goring*, with Sir *John Owen*, were condemn'd to Death for adhering to the King, and the Earls of *Cambridge*, and *Holland*, with the Lord *Capel*, were beheaded. New Judges are appointed, the Parliament and the general Officers of the Army, were feasted at *Grocers Hall*, by the Lord Mayor, with an Order that no Healths should be drank, where they went after they had heard two Sermons. Here the Lord General was presented by the City, with a large Bason and Ewre of beaten Gold, and the Lieutenant General *Cromwell*, with Plate to the Value of 300*l.* besides 200 Pieces in Gold. *Cromwell* goes now to reduce *Ireland*. Several Alarms are in *Scotland*. *Charles II.* invited thither upon hard Terms, he takes refuge in the Isle of *Fersey*, but was forc'd to leave it. A Declaration is made to take away Tithes, and Establish Presbyterian Government. The Lands and Hereditaments of Collegiate Churches and Chappels were seiz'd, and put into the Hands of Trustees, call'd Contractors, to be dispos'd of for the Benefit of the Publick, and Heresies and
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the most astonishing Blasphemies were now publickly utter'd. One *Salmon* a Preacher at *Coventry*, taught his People to Swear and Curse, and commit Whoredom upon this profest Principle, that it was God which did Swear in them, and that it was their Liberty to keep Company with Women, to satisfy their Natural Appetites. And one *Wyke*, set up for breathing the Spirit of God into Men, by Kissing them three times.

And thus I have perform'd my Promise, in giving an account of what has happen'd in those Years before mention'd, as taken from our best Historians. I am sorry to find that there has generally something fallen out in those Years, to our detriment, and disadvantage, and some of 'em have, in reality, been very fatal.

Easter-day will be on the 25th of *March*, the next Year 1722. another will be in 1733. and the next following that, not till the Year 1744.

I leave it to your judgment to consider, whither there be any thing of Importance, in this old saying. If there be, it may give us some pain for the ensuing Years 1722. 1733. and 1744. when it is not improbable but they may be attended by their share of
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some, or such like Misfortunes. And since the Fatal and dreadful Sickness, that is so near us, and has so sorely afflicted our Neighbours ; our late and Common Calamity at home, where the Rich, and Great, as well as the Poor, were devour'd ; the decay of Trade, and discontented Spirit of the People ; our audacious and publickly venting Principles of Atheism, Deism, and Points contradictory and derogatory to the Power, and Being of our Creator ; are too glaring and manifest to assure us against a Divine Vengeance as a punishment for our outrageous Offences : But yet we have the less occasion to fear, when we consider that our Laws, our Liberties, and our Religion are secur'd to us, by a most gracious Prince, so Tender of the Welfare of his People, and so belov'd by them, who not only promotes our Prosperity in Trade, but like a Nursing Father, provides a Safety for us against the unhappy Calamity of our Neighbours. And therefore that we may overcome our Misfortunes, recover from the Hectick taint of our late Calamities, and that Old *England* may grow Prosperous and be restor'd to its former Happiness and Vigour, are the continual Prayers and Wishes of



Sir, Yours, &c.

